अनुस्मारक के द्वारा बिहार की राज्य सरकार से पुन: मामले में ग्रस्तग्रस्त लोगों के विरुद्ध की गई कार्यवाही की सूचना देने के लिए कहा था । इस मामले में ग्रामीण विकास राज्य मंत्री ने भी मुख्य मंत्री को दिनांक 26 दिसम्बर, 1986 , 25 फरवरी, 1987 और 29 अप्रैल, 1987 को पत्र लिखे थे । बिहार सरकार से आज तक कोई उत्तर प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ग) बिहार राज्य सरकार ने अपने दिनांक 16.11.85 के पत्र संख्या जी-पी-6 के -14/84-178 सी के द्वारा सूचित किया था कि चूंकि मामले में राज्य सरकार के अधिकारियों के अलावा बैंक कर्मचारियों और व्यापारियों को भी शामिल पाया गया था, इसलिए मामले की जांच सतर्कता विभाग द्वारा कराने का निर्णय किया गया है ।

Protection of the consumers' interest

2252. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the price tag system in the wholesale and retail markets introduced in the country some time back had recently been abolished;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons that effective steps under the law are not enforced to protect the interest of the consumer in the country in view of the general increase in prices in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) States/Union Territories in exercise of the powers delegated to them under the Essential Act, 1955 have issued Price Display Orders in respect of essential commodities specified in their respective orders. If the commodities are sold in packages, in terms of the provisions of Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 it is mandatory for each manufacturers to indicate on such packaged commodities its identity, net contents, date of packing, name of manufacturer/packer and the sale price.

State Governments/U.T. Administrations have been advised by the Central Government from time to time for the implementation of the Price Display Orders.

Import of edible oils by STC

2253. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity and landed cost of edible oils imported by the State Trading Corporation of India during the last two years;

(b) what is the percentage and month-wise allocation of oils allotted to the vanaspati mills in the country and the prices charged by the State Tarding Corporation per tonne from the industry during the last two years;

(c) what are the production charges for manufacturing vanaspati ghee; and

(d) the reasons for the sharp increase in the prices of vanaspati ghee in the wholesale and retail markets since October, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The quantity and landed cost of imported edible oils during the last two years is as under:—

	1985-86	1986-87
	(Financial Year)	
Quantity imported	10.80 lakh MT	13.21 lakh MT (provl.)
Weighted average landed cost	Rs. 7,758 per MT	Rs. 6,144 per MT (provl.)